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PARIS, Feb. 4—South Vietnam today defended large-scale operations into Laos and Cambodia by accusing North Vietnam of threatening its security through aggression in those countries.

The charge was made at the 101st session of the Vietnam peace talks, which was marked by an exchange of charges by each side that the other was intensifying the war rather than seeking peace. No negotiating on any issue occurred.

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north to south." Both Mr. Lam and David K. E. Bruce, the head of the United States delegation, faced a barrage of criticism from Hanoi and the Vietcong. Nguyen Than Le, Hanoi's spokesman, said, "The United States is mired up to the neck in Indochina. In Cambodia it has created a second Vietnam and now in Laos it is in the act of creating a third Vietnam."